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The following information has been received
concerning the current activities of the
Werkschutz at Zistersdorf:

1. Members of the Werkschutz at Zistersdorf are quartered in barracks, and are being trained in the use of small arms by Soviet officers under the command of a Soviet colonel. They are also trained in the use of light machine guns, machine pistols, rifles (German Gewehr '98), pistols, and hand grenades. Target practice is held twice a month under the supervision of Soviet instructors.
2. Among the Werkschutz members are many veterans of the Delman Brigade which took part in the Spanish Civil War. It is claimed that the Werkschutz could function as shock troops for the KPÖ in case of an emergency. The average Werkschutz member receives 1,000 schillings per month; the salary of a platoon leader (Zugführer) is 1,500 schillings per month.
3. Although there is no recruiting taking place at the present time, it is planned to increase the number of Werkschutz members during the coming summer.

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